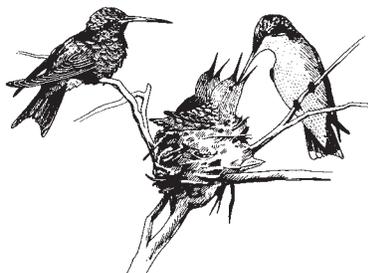
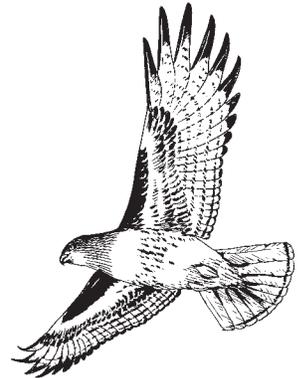
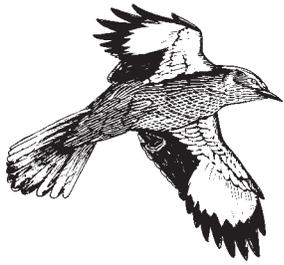


Become A Birder!

This activity can be played alone.
However, it is best in groups.

Click on the link below to bring up the
Twelve Birds of Tumacacori Clue Cards.
Print the two pages of cards and cut
them out. Have one person read the clues
aloud. Everyone else should write down
the name of the mystery bird. Once all
the Clue Cards are gone, the player with
the most correct answers wins!

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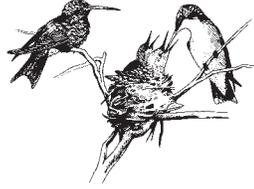


Activity from the 7th Grade ENCOUNTERS book, available at the Tumacacori National Historical Park.

BLACK CHINNED HUMMINGBIRD

Archilochus alexandri

1. If you are quick you can see me in open woodlands, parks or gardens.
2. I build a very tiny cup-shaped nest lined with spider webs.
3. I can fly backwards.
4. I am usually seen visiting flowers for their nectar.
5. I am only 3 1/2 inches long with a metallic green band below my black throat and white collar.
6. My wings beat so rapidly they make a humming sound.



BEWICK'S WREN

Thryomanus bewickii

1. I live in the open woodland.
2. I make my nest in the center of a brush pile.
3. I scratch on the ground turning over leaves to find spiders and other insects.
4. I am 5 1/4 inch from head to tail.
5. My tail is long and tilts upward.
6. I have a bold, white eyebrow and a light brown back.
7. The first part of my name sounds the same as a certain automobile maker.



NORTHERN CARDINAL

Cardinalis cardinalis

1. I am a year-round resident of riparian thickets and dense shrubs.
2. My call sounds like "tik, tik, tik"
3. My nest is cup-shaped in shrubs.
4. In the wintertime I flock with others of my kind in groups of up to 70 birds.
5. I eat seeds, fruit and insects.
6. My beak is red & conical shaped.
7. I am 9 inches from head to tail.
8. I have brilliant red feathers and black eyes, mask, and chin.
9. I have a red crest on top of my head.



GILA WOODPECKER

Melanerpes uropygialis

1. I can be seen all year long in woodland areas
2. I have a very loud call that sounds like "churrrr"
3. My nest is a cavity or hollow in trees.
4. In flight I show two large, white wing patches.
5. I am a 9 inch bird with a zebra-colored back and light brown head.
6. The male of my species has a red cap.
7. I hang on to the side of a tree trunk and look for insects.



NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD

Mimus polyglottus

1. I live year round in most any habitat.
2. My nest is cup-shaped in low shrubs.
3. I eat foods such as insects, crayfish, snails, berries, & small fish.
4. In flight I show my white wing patches.
5. I am a slim, gray, 10 inch bird from head to long tail.
6. Snakes like to eat me.
7. The un-mated males of my species sing all night long in the spring.
8. I have a powerful voice and I can imitate just about any sound from sirens to other birds' songs.



MOURNING DOVE

Zenaida macroura

1. My habitat is open woodlands and agricultural fields with trees.
2. I am very common in many backyards.
3. I make a plate-shaped, flimsy nest in trees or on the ground.
4. I walk along the ground picking up seeds and grain that is not harvested.
5. I am 12 inches from head to tail.
6. My wings whistle when I fly.
7. I have a small head and large brown body.
8. I make a "coo, coo" sound.
9. People think of me when they think of love.



PHAINOPEPLA

Phainopepla nitens

1. I sit at the top of a tree in semi- arid and riparian woodlands.
2. My nest is cup-shaped and built in shrubs.
3. I like insects and berries, but especially mistletoe berries.
4. One of my calls sounds like “pre-tee-bird.”
5. I make acrobatic maneuvers by fluttering, dodging & swooping in flight.
6. You can see my white wing patches when I fly.
7. I look like a small cardinal, but am black with a red eye.



RED-TAILED HAWK

Buteo jamaicensis

1. I am a very common sight along and above highways.
2. I build nests that provide me with a view on cliffs or in tall trees.
3. I eat birds, reptiles, insects, and rodents.
4. You can usually hear my squeal or high pitched “keeeeerrrr” in open country or woodlands.
5. I soar in wide circles on 22 inch long wings.
6. My tail is wide with reddish upper tail feathers.



GREATER ROADRUNNER

Geococcyx californianus

1. I make clicking sounds as I walk along in open areas, fields or woodlands.
2. My nest is cup shaped in low trees, cactus or shrubs.
3. I am a great hunter of insects, lizards, snakes, rodents, and birds.
4. I also eat fallen seeds and cactus fruit.
5. My large feet have two toes forward and two toes backward.
6. My head is adorned with a shaggy crest.
7. I can run up to 15 miles per hour.



SAY'S PHOEBE

Sayornis saya

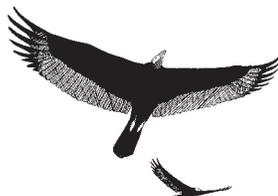
1. I can be seen in open woodland near water.
2. I build my cup-shaped nest under roofs, on outdoor light fixtures, and in trees.
3. My call is like a downward “pweerrr”.
4. I hover in flight and catch insects on the wing, but I also eat berries.
5. You might see me flying just above the surface of water.
6. I am gray-brown on the back and have a peach colored belly.



TURKEY VULTURE

Cathartes aura

1. I live in a communal roost with hundreds of my own kind.
2. You won't find me building nests to lay my eggs. I use a hollow stump or cave floor to lay them.
3. I soar high on 6 foot wings in wide circles with a rocking, unsteady, tilting flight.
4. I eat dead food that I find along road sides or anywhere an animal has died.
5. I have no feathers on my red head.
6. I do not make a call or song.
7. I am 27 inches long with black & gray wings.



VERMILION FLYCATCHER

Pyrocephalus rubinus

1. You can usually see me in riparian woodlands.
2. I like to hover above water or land, catching insects in the air.
3. My nest is cup-shaped built between the fork of a tree branch.
4. When I am sitting I pump my tail up and down.
5. I make a “pita zee” sound.
6. I have a bushy crest on my head.
7. The male of my species has beautiful flaming red underparts and a black back.

